

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 5-10, 12-18, 23 and 25-33 without prejudice, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously presented) A pest removal device for removing a pest from a body surface of an animal or human, the device comprising:

a generally circular substrate formed from a compressible foam and having a first side, a second side, and a diameter of approximately 1 inch, wherein the substrate comprises an engagement portion and a single release tab portion extending from an edge of the engagement portion and having a radius of approximately 0.125 inches, and the substrate is configured to be applied to and conform to the body surface to cover and smother the pest;

a hypoallergenic pressure-sensitive adhesive layer covering the engagement portion of the first side to contact the pest and releasably attach the engagement portion to the body surface, and covering the single release tab portion of the first side, wherein the adhesive layer and the substrate have a combined thickness that is substantially uniform and approximately 20 to 25 mils; and

a non-adhesive tab liner attached to the adhesive layer covering the single release tab portion of the first side, wherein the single release tab portion is usable to peel the engagement portion off of a storing liner and peel the engagement portion off of the body surface where the pest resides.

20. (Original) The pest removal device of claim 19, further comprising:

a storing liner to which the pest removal device is removably attached.

21. (Original) The pest removal device of claim 20, wherein the storing liner is spooled in a dispenser.

22. (Original) The pest removal device of claim 20, further comprising an adhesive layer covering the second side of the substrate.

23-33. (Canceled)